

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 16, 32, 45, 53, 61, and 67 have been canceled. Claims 1, 17, 35, 46, 54, 66, 68, 69, and 72 have been amended. Claim 73 has been added. In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3, 6-15, 17-19, 22-31, 33-39, 42-44, 46-48, 51-52, 54-56, 59-60, 62-66, 68-69, 72 , and 73 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6-19, 22-39, 42-48, 51-56, 59-69, and 72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Santo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,284 – hereinafter Santo) in view of Kasuga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,881 – hereinafter Kasuga).

Independent claims 1, 17, 35, 46, 54, and 66 have been amended to recite “at least one of the first and second focusing/tilting coils and the tracking coil is a fine pattern coil.”

Santo discusses tracking coils (col. 2, lines 15-30). Kasuga discusses focusing drive coils 4 and tracking drive coils (col. 2, lines 64-66).

Neither Santo nor Kasuga, individually or combined, recite “at least one of the first and second focusing/tilting coils and the tracking coil is a fine pattern coil” as recited in independent claims 1, 17, 35, 46, 54, and 66.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

NEW CLAIM

New claim 73 recites that the features of the present invention include “wherein moving the position of the neutral zone changes the magnetic flux of the respective magnet parts.” Nothing in the cited references teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that this new claim, which is different and not narrower than prior filed claims distinguishes over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

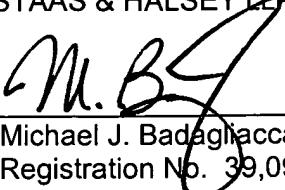
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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